

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

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Mikal D. Mahdi, #5238,	)	C/A No. 8:16-3911-TMC-JDA
	)	*CAPITAL CASE*
Petitioner,	)	
vs.	)	
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Bryan Stirling, Commissioner, South Carolina Department of Corrections,	)	<b>STATUS REPORT</b>
	)	
Respondent.	)	
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Petitioner, Mikal Mahdi, is a South Carolina state court death sentenced inmate who has filed a “placeholder” federal habeas petition with this Court. Petitioner previously filed and has pending in state court a 2<sup>nd</sup> or Successive Application for post-conviction relief (PCR) in the Court of Common Pleas for Calhoun County. Respondent previously filed a petition with the South Carolina Supreme Court to re-appoint the Honorable Doyet A. Early, III., Circuit Court Judge (“the 1<sup>st</sup> PCR Court”), to preside over the 2<sup>nd</sup> or Successive PCR Application case and any motions regarding the same. Respondent has filed a “Motion to Dismiss” the 2<sup>nd</sup> or Successive PCR Application in the Court of Common Pleas for Calhoun County. Chief Justice Donald Beatty of the South Carolina Supreme Court granted the petition and re-appointed Judge Early and directed him to hear Respondent’s Motion to Dismiss the 2<sup>nd</sup> or Successive PCR Application. Petitioner has filed a Response to Respondent’s Motion to Dismiss. And, Respondent has filed a Reply to Petitioner’s Response. Judge Early has scheduled a hearing on Respondent’s Motion to Dismiss on May 1, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. at the Bamberg County Courthouse. Petitioner has waived his personal presence at the hearing. However, Petitioner will be represented at the hearing by federal habeas counsel.

Respondent will be represented at the hearing by below signed counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

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